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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SENGHOR CONFIRMS DELEGATION OF
SENEGALESE JURISTS WILL VISIT SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A. DAKAR 0833 (NOTAL) B. DURBAN 0059 (NOTAL)

1. ARTICLE IN MAR 13 DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL GIVES
ACCT OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN PRES. SENGHOR AND AFP
REPORTER IN WHICH SENGHOR EXPLAINS WHY HE WILL SEND
DEL OF SENEAGLESE JURISTS TO SOUTH AFRICA THIS
SUMMER. ALTHOUGH SENGHOR APPARENTLY ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS
SEND JURISTS IN SPEECH HE MADE BEFORE STUDENTS OF FRENCH
NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION WHEN HE WAS IN PARIS
IF EARLY FEB, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS IS FIRST
PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN SENEGAL OF PLANNED TRIP.

2. SENGHOR QUOTED AS SAYING: "THE DIALOGUE WHICH MUST
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NECESSARILY BE UNDERTAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF

APARTHEID IS NOT BETWEEN MR VORSTER AND THE AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE BUT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT, ITS WHITE OPPOSITION AND THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION WHICH IS COLORED." SENGHOR ALSO SAID VISIT OF SENEGALESE JURISTS WILL PERMIT SENEGALESE TO APPRISE THEMSELVES OF VIEWS OF BLACKS, COLOREDS AND INDIANS AS WELL AS WHITE OPPOSITION. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD APPROACHED PRIME MIN. VORSTER ONLY TO OBTAIN HIS AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIP AND FOR CONTACT WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES.

3. PRES. SENGHOR ADDED THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL NOT AFFECT THE ATTITUDE OF SENEGAL WHICH IS TO RESPECT DECISIONS OF THE OAU ON SOUTH AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: SENGHOR'S STATEMENT MAKES DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRIVATE CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS (WHICH HE REGARDS AS NOT EXCLUDED BY OAU STRICTURES) AND GOVT TO GOVT DIALOGUE (WHICH OAU DISCOURAGES). ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO, SENGHOR APPARENTLY REGARDS CERTAIN GOVT TO GOVT CONTACTS WHICH HE INTERPRETS AS NOT CONSTITUTING FORMAL DIALOGUE AS ALSO PERMISSIBLE.
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